

## BROGDAN RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Decided Not to Wait at Sydney for Commander Peary's Return.

## CABLEGRAMS OF CONGRATULATION

Addressed to Peary, bound by Secretary Eridgman Unopposed on His Desk at the Arctic Club—Explorer Cook's Wife to Be the First to Meet and Greet Him in New York Next Week.

New York, Sept. 16.—When Herbert L. Eridgman, secretary and treasurer of the Peary Arctic club, returned to his home in Brooklyn late tonight from Sydney, N. S., he found unopened on his desk a number of cablegrams of congratulation to Commander Peary, among which was the following, dated Uccle, Belgium, September 8, and addressed to him in Mr. Eridgman's care:

"Peary—International polar commission addressed to your wife, with congratulations to your member. (Signed) 'CAGNI' 'NORDENSKJOLD' 'LE COINTE'."

Uccle is a suburb of Brussels and is the seat of the Royal Belgian observatory, of which M. Le Cointe is the director.

Capt. Umberto Cagni, who was the Italian leader of the Duke of the Abruzzi's expedition, is president of the International Polar commission. Dr. Nordenskjold is its vice president, and has led a Swedish expedition into the Antarctic; while M. Le Cointe is its secretary.

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With the weight of these names behind it, the cablegram assumes a scientific importance. Mr. Eridgman pointed out, of the first magnitude, the "O. K." he said, to the Peary claim, is the very best scientific opinion of international experts in the world.

The international polar commission was appointed March 22, 1895, by the delegates of 12 nations who met in Brussels to constitute the international polar congress. It has no government authority, but its members are geographers and scientists of the first rank, and Dr. Eridgman, as a staunch supporter of the integrity of Peary's claim, was very happy to have the stamp of its approval on the commander's work.

Dr. Cook, while at Copenhagen, received telegrams of congratulation from Brussels and invitations to lecture there, but Mr. Eridgman was insistent that none of them come officially from the International Polar commission and that the message dated September 8 and made public today was the very best scientific opinion of the discovery of the pole yet accorded to either claimant by a world-wide body of recognized authorities on the subject.

Additional Messages.

The following additional messages from geographical societies of importance also were given out by Mr. Eridgman tonight:

"Edinburgh, Sept. 8, 1909.

"Bridgman—Secretary Peary Arctic Club, Brooklyn.

"Warmest congratulations to Peary's safe return.

"Scottish Geographical Society, Glasgow, Sept. 8, 1909.

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"Applaudisons magnifiques succès Peary.

"Société Générale de Géographie, Paris.

"Rome, Sept. 8, 1909.

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"Please convey Peary our warmest congratulations. We hope he will accept our invitation to lecture in Rome when visiting Europe.

"Marquis Coppelli.

"President Società Geografica Italiana, Rome.

"New York, Sept. 10.

"Peary Arctic Club: The members rejoice with you and send hearty congratulations upon your superb achievement.

"Archer Huntington.

"President American Geographical Society.

Despatch from Peary to Bridgman.

The following message from Peary to Mr. Eridgman was received today:

"Bridgman, Brooklyn.

"Surgeon of Grenfell hospital here asks can he buy for hospital some of expedition stock not material. Shall I sell or present to him? 'PEARY'.

Permission had been telegraphed Peary, Mr. Eridgman said, to make a present of those left over supplies to the hospital.

It was learned tonight that a meeting of the Peary Arctic club will be held early next week to decide whether the club will launch a formal campaign in behalf of Peary's claims as sole discoverer of the North pole, which the club will be asked to pass upon embraces a publicity campaign including the use of advertising space in newspapers and a series of lectures on the expedition to Etah to take the testimony of Eskimo witnesses.

Mr. Eridgman declined tonight to discuss this plan to have the Peary club take up the cudgels against Dr. Cook. "There is nothing to be given out on that subject," he said, "until the scheme has been passed upon by the club."

Dinner of Welcome to Dr. Cook.

The committee of the Arctic club of America, which has been arranging for a dinner of welcome to Dr. Cook on Sept. 28 announced tonight that the occasion "should not be regarded as a partisan affair." Supporters of both Cook and Peary it was said, will be present. Among those who have been invited to attend are Admiral Dewey, Walter Wellman, Souther, Joseph G. Cannon, John Hays Hammond, Governor Charles E. Hughes, Whitelaw Reid, President Hadley of Yale and President Lowell of Harvard.

FURTHER TALK BY PEARY.

Tells of Observations Made at and Near the Pole.

Battle Harbor, Labrador, September 16 (via Montreal wires to Cape Ray, Newfoundland).—Commander Peary consented today to talk further concerning his successful journey to the North pole. To do this, he will be on the observations taken at the apex of the world, and the movements of Harry Whitney, the sportsman of New Haven, Conn., who has been described as the bearer of records substantiating Dr. Eridgman's claim to have reached the pole on April 21, 1901.

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Party Visited Several Places Wednesday Night.

AT WORK IN CONNECTICUT.

Robbed Safe in Store at Centerbrook, and Broke into Railroad Stations at Hadlyme, Essex and Other Places.

Saybrook, Conn., Sept. 15.—A party of safe breakers, traveling in an automobile, made a dash down the western bank of the Connecticut river last night, cracking a safe in W. L. Prann's store at Centerbrook, where the proprietor was about at three times, and breaking into railroad stations at Hadlyme, Essex and Chester. They averaged about \$2,000 each, taken from ticket offices, the telephone pay booths and slot machines.

The safe robbery gave them nothing, as Mr. Prann, having had many visits of this kind, does not leave valuables in the safe over night.

CANADA MAY RETALIATE.

Tax Suggested on All United States Vessels Touching Her Ports.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 15.—The new United States tariff bill as applied to foreign vessels calling at American ports, which becomes effective on September 30, is causing uneasiness among Canadian shippers, and a demand for a retaliatory measure from the Dominion parliament will probably be made. The law compels Canadian vessels to pay a tax on their gross tonnage. This is a tax on the gross tonnage of a vessel, and the aggregate amount is 10 cents a ton per year.

Captain Foote, superintendent of the Canadian Lake and Ocean Navigation company, says: "The proposed tax on the American vessels is to place a corresponding tax on all United States vessels touching Canadian ports. Many of our vessels are carrying a large amount of grain and a tax on them would produce a considerable revenue. This is a tax on the gross tonnage of a vessel, and the aggregate amount is 10 cents a ton per year."

TO INVESTIGATE TAXATION OF OYSTER PROPERTY.

Opinion by Attorney General Holcomb Relative to Commission's Powers.

Hartford, Sept. 15.—Tax Commissioner William H. Corbin as a member of the special commission appointed by the state to investigate oyster property has made public an opinion by Attorney General Marcus H. Holcomb relative to the powers of the commission. The attorney general asked if the commission had the power to inquire into the annual product of oyster property, and the attorney general's answer was affirmative.

"In my opinion, your commission is fully empowered by said resolution to ascertain the production and revenues derived from the oyster industry by these franchises, and to compel any information by witnesses, books or papers which will enable you to determine the true and just values of the properties mentioned."

TO CONNECT CANAL AND MEXICO.

Scheme Launched to Build Railroad That Will Also Make Connection with Great Lakes.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 15.—Following the publication of the news that Ambassador Thompson, in Mexico, had closed the purchase of the Panama Canal, the Mexican government announced today that J. M. Neel and his group of capitalists who sold the Mexican railroad to Mr. Thompson have launched with a railroad of Central America to connect the Panama canal with Mexico.

The new corporation, according to Mr. Neel, will be a joint venture of the Central American line and the Panama canal. The Central American line will extend from the Guatemala frontier to the Gulf of Mexico, and the Panama canal will be built on the new road. The road will be built at La Union, Salvador, in January. Mr. Neel expects to have the road completed in seven years.

REBATE WITNESSES CALLED.

Grand Jury Also to Examine a Large Number of Documents.

New York, Sept. 15.—The federal grand jury investigation of charges of rebating between several railroads and the Holland-America Steamship company and other transatlantic and South American lines was in progress today.

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Further Appointments of census supervisors were made by the president.

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Fusion Sentiment seemed to be united on Mr. Evans as a candidate for mayor of New York.

Naval Officers and Policemen received instructions for their work during the Hudson-Fulton week.

Count Katsura Outlined before the Bankers' club at Tokio his plans for the peaceful development of Japan.

Prominent German-Americans asked Charles F. Murphy to get ready to nominate Herman Ridder for mayor.

Robert D. DeForest asked the committee of one hundred not to consider him as a majority possibility any longer.

The British War Office is reported to have made large profits by sending back canned meats to the United States.

Emperor William Watched with great interest the work of the delegates in the conference at Warsaw.

The Society for Psychological Research announced it would cause investigations into phenomena unless a large fund were raised.

The Woman Suffrage Council announced it would hold a political convention next year in a western state to campaign to exact promises from candidates.

The Department of Justice ordered federal prisoners removed from the western penitentiary at Alhambra, Pa., on account of bad conditions prevailing there.

Advices from Rio de Janeiro said that the government of Peoni and Bolivia had reached an agreement based on the decision of President Alcora of Argentina.

Discussion Has Been Renewed in Cambridge, Mass., over the erection of the proposed memorial bridge spanning the Charles river, a gift of the Harvard alumni.

George J. Gould Refused to affirm or deny a report that the American Telephone & Telegraph company had offered to buy the Gould stock in the Western Union Telegraph company.

Miss Edith Rebecca Lord, an American woman who died abroad, provided for her will for many institutions for the blind, and left the residue of her estate to provide pensions for blind men and women in England.

ASSEMBLED BANKERS SCORE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK PLAN.

No Word in Favor of Guaranty Deposit State or National Banks.

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